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## DEDICATION OF THE CHEMISTRY BUILDING OF THE COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, MAY 14, 1908

IN taking the chair, Professor Baskerville, the director of the laboratory, said:—

### *Ladies and Gentlemen:*

IN the name of the honorable board of trustees, the president and the staff of the department of chemistry, I bid you hearty welcome. We are here to-day, because

First, honor is to be done to two teachers of chemistry, each distinguished in his own way as a scientist and as a citizen; and

Second, a building is to be formally opened and set aside for the study of chemistry.

It is not appropriate on this occasion to dwell upon the multitude of details incorporated in plans for a laboratory constructed to accommodate more than a thousand students. My colleagues hold themselves in readiness to show those particularly interested over the unfinished building at the close of these exercises. Papers have appeared and others will soon appear in print which call attention to the principles involved and some of the incidental details. The building is not perfect. No structure devised by the human mind or constructed by the human hand is ever perfect. Many ideas have been borrowed from other laboratories in this country and Europe. Some have been incorporated which are original. Some are good, and others not so good.

More important than all these facilities, however, is the spirit which dominates the

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